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Space to be filled

PARENTS' ASSOCIATIONS

1. The first aim should be the children's welfare and their upbringing.
 2. A unity of purpose and continuity in education at home and at school with special attention to the building of character.
 3. The headmistress or one of her staff as representative should be present at each meeting.
 4. Meetings are generally held once a term and usually take the form of a short business meeting followed by a discussion, lecture, party, outing, etc., sometimes with reference to the term's work.
 5. A Parents' Association is not concerned with the management of a school. This is the function of the Governing Body and Headmistress.
 6. It is not the place to discuss the professional skill of the staff or personal problems of individual children. The Headmistress and teachers are in a position of trust and must treat such matters in confidence and be approached on them in confidence too. This is the only relationship possible for an independent school.
 7. A Parents' Association can be an asset to a school but is not essential and can be disbanded for a while if thought wise.
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